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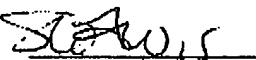
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 28, 2005, Applicants
respectfully request entry of this Amendment and provide the following response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page
2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.